

gains Strength, tho by slow Degrees. Ld. M. & some other Relations have employed me lately in the paying off all her Debts including the remainig ones of our Friend Tom's¹—I have done so, and in future I hope She will be a total Stranger to all Want.

I will write you a very long Letter by the next Packet, and perhaps Tom. I ought, for I Am greatly in his Debt, and wish much to pay him—My best Love to Your domestic Party. May every Happiness & Comfort attend you all! And, in particular May Tom's Green Bag be full of Briefs. I rejoice you received the Box safe, such as it was. & I am ever

most Affecttely Your's

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I am very properly ashamed of this Scrawl; but I judge of your Feelings by my own, which would be much more gratified by Pot hooks & hangers from You than regular Epistles from any one but yourself. I say nothing of Politicks for you will hear more than I could retail in a Letter, from the publick Voice.

Adieu! once more—

Tell Tom I know a great many of [*his Militia*] Acquaintance here. Dr. We[*seal*] [*tom*]old Cu[*unningh*]am &ca. & ca.

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¹"Ld. M." is Lord George Macartney. Tom is Thomas Iredell, brother of James and Arthur.

To Hannah Iredell

Nixonton Dec. 19th. 1788.

My dear Hannah,

My Brother would tell you it was utterly impossible for me to write by him, being then extremely engaged with a troublesome cause in Court. I shall be detained here, I am afraid all this day at least. I am perfectly well & God grant I may find you [*and the*] Children so. Kiss them most tenderly for me, and tell An[*nie*] [*tom*] very much indeed. I hope to find your Sister much better [*tom*] quite well. There are no plains to be got here.

Adieu! my dear Hannah. Yours most affectionately

Ja. Iredell.

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